

BUILD SKILLS

from *Beowulf*

LITERARY ANALYSIS

An **epic** is a long poem that tells a story. Usually it tells about the deeds of a legendary hero. When you read an epic, you get an idea about what was important to the people who lived during that time.

READING STRATEGY

Beowulf has been translated into modern English. Even so, it is still hard to read. Some of the sentences are very long and have a lot of things going on. To read long sentences, it helps to paraphrase—to say the ideas in your own words. Use the graphic organizer below. It will help you find key details in a long sentence. Use the key details to paraphrase the information.

